

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 5 – SB 1722**

May 26, 2009

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006105):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause and authorizes the court to include a presumptive termination date for child support obligations within any child support decree or order. Changes in circumstances may result in modifications to the presumptive termination date and the date shall not end the obligation to pay any child support arrears, medical support or other fees that may be due to support a disabled child, or to comply with a court order requiring support for a child through college. The provisions of the bill shall apply to any new or modified child support order entered on or after July 1, 2009.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

State Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant

Local Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- The Department of Human Services (DHS) will have to modify the Tennessee Child Support Enforcement System (TCSES) notices. These modifications will be made by DHS staff during normal business hours. Any additional costs will be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.
- There will be a small increase in the administrative time for motions filed in the court system, which will result in additional state and local expenditures. These additional expenditures will be offset by any savings incurred by a reduction in the number of motions filed in child support cases. The net fiscal impact to the state and local court system is not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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